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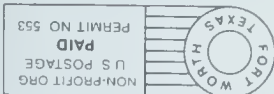


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Every organization operates under some form of written rules and ours is no exception. TNA's founders wrote a Constitution to define the scope and purpose of our Association. They also wrote the Bylaws under which we have operated over the years and they developed some Standing Rules to provide administrative guidance for our other activities. All of these written rules were contained in a 9" x 11" binder with a green cover which has been appropriately named "The Greenbook." Each District Governor and all of the other officers have a copy of the "Greenbook" as do many members.

Our Constitution has stood the test of time and has never been amended. Over the years there have been several changes made to the Bylaws and numerous changes, additions and deletions were made to the Standing Rules. Not all of the officers or members have kept their "Greenbooks" updated so that after 30 years, no two "Greenbooks" are in the same configuration or contain the same material. Unbelievably, some have been lost or misplaced.

Obviously we needed to update our Bylaws and Standing Rules and replace our "Greenbooks" with documentation that could and would have some method of configuration control to assure that all of the books would read the same. Also, in

late 1988 it was decided that we should apply to the IRS for recognition as a non-profit organization. A review of our Bylaws revealed that numerous changes would be required to properly reflect how we are currently organized and how we conduct the Association's business. Our Legal Advisor determined the criteria that was required, the desired wording and acceptable phraseology and guided us in developing a current revision of the Bylaws. A committee was established to do the actual revision effort. It was comprised of then President Mac Kennady, 2nd Vice President Mike Greenspan, then Governor Paul Garner, member Lyman Bartee and Legal Advisor Joe Olson. I was appointed to chair that committee. The committee met several times, worked long hard hours and revised the Bylaws. They were presented to the Governing Board in Austin at the September 1989 meeting and were unanimously approved. The Bylaws were then forwarded to the IRS as part of our application for non-profit status. The IRS was satisfied with our documentation and has determined that we are exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Although the revised Bylaws have been approved by our Board of Governors, they still need to be approved by the general membership. Their approval was an agenda item at the general membership meeting in Fort Worth on April 22, 1990. It was believed that they could receive membership approval at that time; however, it was determined that the revised Bylaws must "... be presented in writing to all voting members. With proper notice by the President, voting may be by ... voice at regular or officially called meetings of the membership."

I am therefore calling a special general membership meeting to be held on September 22, 1990 at 9 a.m.

at the Airport Hilton (Interstate 35 and Hwy 290) in Austin, Texas for the purpose of voting on the revised Bylaws. This special meeting will be held during the Austin Texas Coin Club's 31st Annual Money Mart and will be just prior to the official TNA Board Meeting.

A copy of the revised Bylaws will be furnished to each member of TNA prior to that time. Please bring your copy with you and be prepared to vote. Your Association is going to a great deal of expense to assure that each member receives a copy prior to the meeting. Please make a special effort to be in Austin to cast your vote.

The Standing Rules are currently being revised and will be reviewed subsequently.

COIN CLUB MANAGEMENT COURSE OFFERED BY ANA

The American Numismatic Association is offering a nine-hour Coin Club Management Course at the ANA's 99th Anniversary Convention in Seattle, Washington, August 22-26. This course will give assistance to clubs in managing their programs, budgets or membership recruitment.

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FOOD COUPON CHANGE TOKENS

By Frank Clark
Carrollton, Texas

Proper terminology for the medium of exchange used in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Assistance Program is "Food Coupon." "Food Coupon" is even printed on the medium of exchange. "Food Stamp" terminology dates back to a similar program that existed from 1939 — 1943 where the medium of exchange was the approximate size of a commemorative postage stamp. Today's food coupon program has its beginning in 1961 and merchants who participate in the program must accept food coupons in payment for eligible foods. The coupons are then deposited at the Merchants Bank and the bank deposits them at the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank or one of its branches. There they are accounted for and destroyed. This article will briefly touch on change tokens that were given to customers when change was required.

Current food coupon denominations are \$1, \$5 and \$10. The previous issue consisted of 50 cents, \$1 and \$2 denominations. This change-over occurred in August of 1975.

Until January 1, 1979 the USDA had participating stores prepare credit coupons or tokens which were used for change substitutes for amounts less than \$1. These were redeemable at the issuing store for future food purchases. Some of the

materials used in manufacturing these were paper, cardboard, plastic, wood and aluminum. However, since January 1, 1979, change in coins is authorized for amounts less than "the value of the lowest coupon denomination issued," which is \$1. If the change is \$1 or more the change will be made up with actual food coupons and or change as needed.

The previous program of credit coupons or tokens was installed to prevent abuses of the system where someone could buy a low cost food item with food coupons and receive change in return and use that money to buy ineligible items such as beer or cigarettes. However, merchants did not like having to deal with the change substitutes and the program was phased out. An interesting chapter in numismatic history was closed.

Thousands upon thousands of different examples in all materials, sizes, shapes, colors, denominations, locations, etc. were left behind. For the most part they have been relegated to the dustbin of history and are often found in dealer junk boxes. A few examples are pictured. Even on the change substitutes the terminology "Food Stamp" is much more prevalent than the words "Food Coupon."

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A complete denomination set from Wolff's of Denton, Texas. Each denomination is a different color: 1 Cent — Black, 5 Cents — Green, 10 Cents — Blue, 25 Cents — Red and 50 Cents — Pink. These are made out of plastic.



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This Change Coupon is made out of cardboard. It also carries a serial number. This is not common.



The 5 Cents Change Coupon pictured from the Hughes Markets is the most ornately printed one seen by the author. There is security printing behind the denomination. It has a detailed banknote like border and is printed on security paper. The printer is listed at the bottom of the coupon — Jeffries Banknote Company. This is a very unusual Change Coupon. However, it is uniface like all of the other paper coupons displayed.

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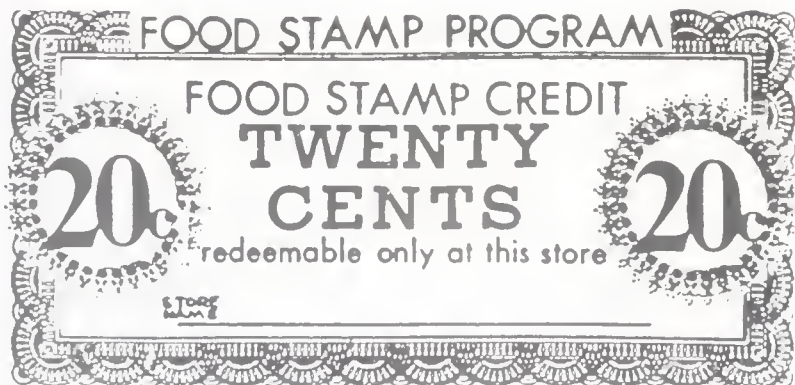
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**BRITISH CROWN
HONORS
QUEEN MOTHER'S
90TH**



By Royal Proclamation, the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, will be commemorated by a striking of gold and sterling silver commemorative crowns by the British Royal Mint. Mintages will be strictly limited for what is likely to be a most popular coin, with only 2,500 22-karat gold proofs and 150,000 sterling silver proofs being authorized worldwide.

For the first time ever both the gold and silver proof crowns will have the same face value of five pounds. It is also the first time that a British silver crown has had a value other than five shillings. Finally, it is the first time that a gold crown has been struck in more than 60 years.

The Queen Mother has a long association with Canada. Her initial visit with King George VI, in 1939, was the first by a reigning Monarch and Consort. Since then she returned a dozen times to win countless admirers. Indeed, such is Canadian affection for this wonderful lady that Canada's leading department store, Eaton's, has joined the British Royal Mint in a special Canadian promotion of the Birthday Crown during the month of August.

The choice of the crown is a particularly fitting tribute to the Queen Mother. This special coin has a history dating back to the reign of

Henry VIII when the first crowns — Crown of the Rose and Crown of the Double Rose — were produced in gold, however, their life was short. The first silver crown was issued in the reign of Edward VI in 1551 with a value of five shillings. It was also among the first English coins to bear the date of issue. One of the best known silver crowns is the Pistrucci design for the new coinage of 1818 depicting St. George and the Dragon, still featured today on the sovereign. Struck periodically until the mid-19th century during the reign of Queen Victoria, the crown was conceived by the public as being inconveniently large for day to day use. The issuance of subsequent crown pieces has therefore been confined to historic occasions such as jubilees, accessions, weddings etc.

A beloved figure, not just in Britain but around the world, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother has performed a lifetime of public service. For 16 of those years she was Queen Consort to King George VI including the years of World War II when, refusing to leave London, the couple were an inspiration to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth. Her 90th birthday, on August 4, was another milestone in a wonderful life.

Born Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon, daughter of

the 14th Earl of Strathmore, she married Prince Albert, Duke of York, in 1923. Three years later the future Queen of England, the Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was born. There was little thought of the Prince, second son of George V, becoming King but the abdication in 1936 of elder brother Edward (VIII), Duke of Windsor, meant that the throne was thrust upon him. Choosing his fourth Christian name, King George VI was crowned on May 12, 1937.

The striking of a gold crown is highly unusual, being the first struck by the British Royal Mint for the United Kingdom since the rare gold pattern crowns which were struck for the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935. Not only is it the first time that gold and silver crowns have been issued with the common value of 5 pounds, but the coincidence of a gold crown with a face value of five pounds means that it must have the same weight

(though it has a different diameter) as the 5 pound sovereign issue.

The design of the reverse of the 90th Birthday Crown features a cypher in the form of the letter "E" for Elizabeth in duplicate and interwoven, surmounted by a crown and flanked by a rose and a thistle, an allusion to the Queen Mother's Scottish ancestry. The designer is the renowned silversmith Leslie Durbin, who was responsible for the designs of the United Kingdom's four regional one pound coins.

The obverse bears the Raphael Maklouf portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II introduced to Britain's circulating coinage in 1985. The relief of both designs is shown to great advantage with the frosted proof finish set against the mirror-like background.

Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint, P.O. Box 2570, Woodside, NY 11377-9864, or by calling toll-free 800-221-1215 (24 hours).

GOLDEN HOTEL

The world's largest hotel is located in Las Vegas, Nevada and covered with gold glass. The Las Vegas Mirage Hotel has 350,000 square feet of exterior 24-karat gold-coated glass. Although the coat is thin so that one can see clearly through it, the glass blocks 92 per cent of solar heat and achieves a dramatic reduction in air conditioning costs.

If ordinary glass had been used, the hotel would have required an air conditioning plant some eight times larger than is used in the Mirage. In the winter the gold glass bounces internal heat back into the

rooms, retaining warmth within the building.

COIN OF AUSTRIA

The 1977 "Knight of Hall" silver 100 schilling is a tribute to the world's first "silver dollar." Considered by some authorities to be the most beautiful coin of the modern era, this design evokes the first silver taler, struck at the Hall Mint in Tyrol in 1486.

Portrayed is the Archduke Sigismund of Tyrol (the Rich in Coins) mounted on a tournament steed. This silver coin had an original mintage of 1,868,000 but only a small proportion remain in uncirculated condition.

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Dear Fellow Members — How often have you examined a coin, looking at it closely using your magnifier, contemplating the purchase of that coin, yet in the back of your mind there is an uncertainty, a nagging doubt, wondering if that coin is genuine or is it a counterfeit? I suspect that same nagging doubt has been in the back of the minds of virtually all who have collected coins for any length of time. If at some time or another you haven't questioned, at least to yourself, the authenticity of a given coin, then you are either an exceptionally knowledgeable collector or you are leaving yourself open to, unintentionally, spending some of your hard earned dollars on a coin which will, sometime down the line, prove to be counterfeit.

Just because a coin is not very expensive does not necessarily mean that it is not counterfeit. Counterfeits do exist of many relatively lower-valued coins, in virtually all denominations and from virtually all nations. You might say, "Why do these counterfeits exist?" They exist because the makers of these counterfeits know that out there in numismatic land there are a great many collectors who are unable to tell the difference between the genuine item and the counterfeit.

If there is a market for a given item, there is someone out there who will be delighted to duplicate it and pass it on as genuine.

Now, you ask, how does the individual collector combat that sort of activity and what can he do to protect himself? You've heard the old saying, "Know your dealer or know your coins," I like to add, "... or both." You cannot always depend upon the dealer to know good from bad. Very few would intentionally sell a known counterfeit to you but he may not be able to tell the difference. An excellent way to help protect yourself is through personal knowledge. One of the best ways to increase your knowledge of coins is to attend one of ANA's seminars on the detection of counterfeit and altered coins. These seminars are excellent and I highly recommend them.

Here is another way to help you in your quest to determine if you have a genuine or counterfeit coin. Your TNA Memorial Library, located in Abilene, has books on counterfeit and altered coin detection. TNA already owns some of the diagnostic sheets issued by ANACS over the years and President Ray Whyhorn has ordered from ANA complete sets of all the diagnostics issued by them. These will be placed

in the library. Also, **Numismatics International**, by virtue of a special arrangement with National Collectors Laboratories, has, for several years, included, at no extra charge with each of its publications, a diagnostic sheet covering mostly foreign coins but, also, some few U.S. coins.

Ray Whyborn has very generously donated, for your use, his complete set of these sheets to the TNA library. Countries covered by these sheets are not only the U.S. but

Albania, Australia, Canada, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Iran, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Vatican City, to name a few. Currently these sheets are housed in a sturdy loose-leaf binder. When you write for the binder simply ask for the binder with the counterfeited coins diagnostic sheets. Our librarian, Pat Dollen, will know what to send. You owe it to yourself to be as knowledgeable as you possibly can be. TNA's library is a good place to start. See you next month.

SOCIETY OF PAPER MONEY COLLECTORS

Background history of the **Society of Paper Money Collectors** reveals that at the 1960 ANA convention in Boston, a small group of paper money collectors met informally and agreed that a regular organization would be desirable. During the next year, an organization was formed comprising collectors of tokens, medals and obsolete paper money. At the 1961 Atlanta ANA convention, it was decided to withdraw the tokens and medals group and organize separately into the **Society of Paper Money Collectors**. In June 1964, the Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the District of Columbia.

The objectives, as outlined, are:

1. Encourage the collecting and study of paper money.
2. Cultivate fraternal collector relations with the opportunities for discussion, trading, etc.
3. Furnish information and knowledge through experts in various fields, particularly through the Society's Paper Money Magazine.

4. Encourage research about paper money and publication of the resultant findings.

5. Promote legislation favorable to collectors, providing it in accord with the general welfare.

6. Advance the prestige of the hobby of numismatics.

7. Promote rational and consistent classification of exhibits, and encourage participation in them.

8. Encourage more realistic and consistent market valuations.

The bi-monthly magazine, **PAPER MONEY**, issued in the odd months, is sent to all members, which includes juniors from 12 to 18 years of age. Meetings are held during conventions of the American Numismatic Association and other regional events, and co-sponsors several major paper shows each year.

For more information on SPMC write the membership director, Ronald Horstman, P.O. Box 6011, St. Louis, MO 63139.

The average taxpayer will be the first of America's natural resources to be exhausted.

GOLD DEMAND RECORD HIGH

For the third straight year, 1989 was another record breaking year for gold fabrication demand in the Western World, rocketing from 1,606 metric tons in 1987 to 2,207 in 1989 for a marked 37 per cent increase, according to "The Gold Institute."

While demand was increasing in 1989, the average gold price dropped 13 per cent to \$381 per ounce from the 1988 level of \$437. The following list shows the top ten gold producers for 1989

(Millions of Troy Ounces)

South Africa	19.5
Soviet Union	9.3
United States	8.3
Australia	5.5
Canada	5.1
Brazil	3.1
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The following is reprinted from the Clements Coin Club 3C Newsletter, the last newsletter until the Fall semester begins in Sugar Land.

Faraz Kajani writes about Canadian Coins which are produced by the Royal Canadian Mint

"This institution, now a Crown Corporation, operates plants in Winnipeg (Manitoba), Ottawa (Ontario), and Hull (Quebec). The key to the Canadian Mint's success in achieving a sufficiently high output is modern technology. This includes powerful, high-efficiency presses that can turn out coins at a rate of more than six per second. They have over one thousand employees working around the clock in three shifts.

"The general coins which are presently being used in Canada are: the one cent, five cents, ten cents, twenty-five cents and the dollar. The one dollar coin is the most recent addition to these coins. The one dollar bill is going to be extinct soon with the coin taking its place.

"Canada's most recent addition is the new 100 dollar gold coin."

Simmi Patel writes "I am a freshman and a member of the Clements Coin Club. The reason I joined the coin club was because I have a real interest in coin collecting. One of the coins that I have collected is the two pound coins. It is an English coin. Great Britain only

produced one million 2-pound coins.

"When I visited England two years ago, my aunt told me that I should go get a 2-pound coin because it could be worth a lot of money years from now. So I went to the post office in order to obtain the coin and I received it.

"This summer I'm going to ask my aunt how much the coin is worth now so I know when to trade it in. Next time you're in England try to obtain a 2-pound coin from the nearest post office. Who knows, years from now you may be rich just from one coin."

Calvin Morrow explained in the Newsletter: "One of the reasons I joined the coin club is that I find it interesting how U.S. coins have changed over the years. Different mottos and faces have been used and often reflects what is going on in the world at that time. I first started collecting coins found in pocket change that passed through my hands. You'd be surprised how many coins pass through your hands that are worth more than face value."

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Welcome to our new members 5533-5538. If approved, the following will become members September 1, 1990.

C-210 Sociedad Numismatica de Reynosa, P O Box 960, Hidalgo, TX 78557. Helen Snider & Michael Di Gennaro.

5539-099 Ben Melot, P O Box 64912, Lubbock TX 79464. Ray Whyborn.

5434 Tom Paine, 1811 Chestnut St # 301, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

(Listed in May TNA NEWS with wrong name.)

DECEASED: LM # 117 J. E. Flickinger, Waco, TX.

NOTE: Persons sponsoring a junior (ages 9 to 18) to membership **MUST** secure Parents' or Guardians' signature for application to be accepted. Please save time by obtaining this important signature on all application blanks for junior membership.

TID BITS

To solve Australia's currency problem in 1813, the government authorized that the centers of all Spanish silver dollars be removed leaving just an outer ring. Both rings and centers were then used as valid 15 and 5 pence coins. Thus, the name the "holey dollar."

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Before European settlers brought metal coins to early America, Indian wampum — a string of sea shells — was accepted as the legal tender until 1670.

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Bank notes of 250 and 500 rubles from the Soviet Union in 1919 carried the Leninist message "workers of the world unite" in seven different languages!

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The base coin of the nation's monetary system, the silver dollar was first produced in extremely limited numbers in 1794, with production getting underway in earnest the following year. That first dollar presented a symbolic head of Liberty, as did all US silver dollars until the advent of the Eisenhower issue in 1971.



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Interest on (A) L.M.-C.D. Monthly	69.86	
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Part Payment for Fort Worth Conv.	4,000.00	5,312.57
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Editor Expenses	19.67	
Secretary Travel Allowance	250.00	
Secretary Expenses	104.48	
President Expenses	171.77	
1st Vice-President Expenses	44.99	
Medal Officer Expenses	4.70	
River Oaks Printing (2 months)	3,035.30	
Books for T.N.A. Library	105.00	
Central Transportation Systems	642.60	4,628.51
(Storage for TNA Cases 6 Months)		<hr/> 6,048.68

Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1990 6,048.68*

NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purpose of which they are encumbered. The balance above included these as noted below as of June 30, 1990.

A.N.A. Junior Seminar Fund	362.00*
TNA Memorial Library Fund	496.58*

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	Int. Rate	Mature Date	Terms
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B) 1,062.98	8.25%	8-30-90	Quarterly
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AUGUST 25-26

DALLAS COIN CLUB & NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL, Coin Exposition, Airport Inn, Irving (120 West Airport Freeway) **CONTACT**: Paul Garner, Box 224584, Dallas 75222-4584, 214-262-4491

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COLLECTIBLES SHOW, monthly, Airport Hilton Inn, 500 North Houston, Beltway 8, Houston **CONTACT**: Milton Dove, P.O. Box 92146, Houston 77206.

AUGUST 31-SEPT. 1-2

NEW MEXICO COIN DEALERS ASSN., 11th annual coin show, Albuquerque Hilton Hotel, 1901 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM **BOURSE**: John Adrian, Santa Fe Trail Coin & Currency, 1722 H. St. Michaels Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87501, 505-471-7818.

SEPTEMBER 8

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SEPTEMBER 8-9

BEAUMONT & PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUBS, coin show, Hilton Hotel, Beaumont. **WRITE**: Club, Box 1964, Beaumont 77704

SEPTEMBER 15-16

TYLER COIN CLUB, 11th annual coin & baseball card show, Harvey Convention Center. **CONTACT**: H. Cook, Rt. 1, Box 245, Tyler 75708, 214-592-3607.

SEPTEMBER 15-16

JOHNSON COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, coin, stamp & baseball card show, enexa, Kansas Community Center, Pflumm Rd. at Santa Fe Trail Dr. **BOURSE**: Joe Scarlett, 12612 W. 104 Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66215, 913-492-7973.

SEPTEMBER 16

DALWORTH COIN & STAMP SHOW, Radisson Suite Hotel, Hwy. 360 & I-30, Arlington. **WRITE**: Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180, 817-485-1777.

SEPTEMBER 22-23

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SEPTEMBER 28-30

MONROE, LA. Coin Club annual show, West Monroe Convention Center, 910 Ridge Ave., West Monroe, LA 71291 **WRITE**: S.A. Kitchell, 1418 Elizabeth, West Monroe, LA 71291.

OCTOBER 14

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OCTOBER 27-28

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB, 29th annual coin show, Green Oaks Inn, I-30 & Green Oaks Rd., Fort Worth. **BOURSE:** Club, Box 7733, Fort Worth 76111.

NOVEMBER 17-18

RED RIVER COIN CLUB (Iowa Park), coin show at Wichita Falls).

NOVEMBER 23-25

PASADENA COIN CLUB, coin show, Hobby Airport Hilton, 8181 Airport Blvd. **BOURSE:** Box 58155, Houston 77258.

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JANUARY 25-27, Greater Houston Coin Club

MARCH 2-3, ANA, Dallas

MARCH 16-17, Garland Coin Club

MARCH 23-24, Waco Coin Club

MARCH 23-24, South Plains Coin Club, Lubbock

APRIL 5-7, TNA Convention, Houston

APRIL 20-21, Victoria Numismatic Club

MAY 18-19, Gateway Coin Club, San Antonio

GOLD AIDS GOOD GUYS TO IDENTIFY BAD GUYS

The technology of fingerprinting has been used by the world's police forces for over one hundred years, but there have always been surfaces from which fingerprints could not be lifted.

Now, through the use of a new technique discovered by George Saunders of Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, gold is helping both the U.S. Secret Service and the FBI to lift fingerprints from previously "impossible surfaces."

By using a technique originally devised to sort and quantify proteins in human fluids, Saunders discovered that fingerprints, palm prints and even footprints provide enough proteins to produce a per-

manent, readily photographed image which becomes visible when washed with a gold solution, enhanced with a silver bath.

This new gold-aided technique "is the only method that works on the adhesive side of tape," says John Piper of the U.S. Secret Service's Technical Security Division. He added, "This is a real problem for the bad guys because they wrap their dope, counterfeit money and bombs in tape."

The Saunders fingerprint technique has proven effective not only on adhesive tape, but on computer floppy disks, credit cards, bullet cartridges, wet and dry paper glass and on certain types of styrofoam. This ability makes it "one of the five top developments in the century old technology of fingerprinting," said Mr. Piper.

TEXAS

District Meetings

DISTRICT III —

Members of the San Angelo Coin Club voted to purchase another photo album to house papers and other materials from the coin club for past years. Don Smith and Jack Plott are in charge

Luis Reyes and Larry Dillion gave reports on the Brownwood coin show and Reyes conducted the auction. Dillion won the door prize.

The club bid farewell to Reyes who was relocating to Dallas.

— Jack Plott, Sec.



Rodney L. McClintock
Governor

DISTRICT IV —

Robert E. Greenwood gave the program for 15 members of the Austin Texas Coin Club who met at Travis County Court House. Greenwood discussed options as to the number and type of coins if the United States abandons the printing of paper dollar bills.

Members adopted the revised Constitution and By-laws which



Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor

had been worked up by a committee.

— Robert E. Greenwood,
Gov. Dist. 4.

DISTRICT V —

Frank Clark discussed the U.S. Trade Dollar at the meeting of the Dallas Coin Club. The dollar was authorized and minted for trade with the Orient for only a brief period: 1873 to 1878. They were circulating

coins, and from 1879 to 1885 there were only proofs struck. The Trade Dollar was the only U.S. coin ever minted with its silver weight and fineness indicated on the coin. Following the repeal of the dollar many were redeemed at bullion value.

Paul Garner reported a profit from the club's coin show held in February and it was voted to retain two shows per year with the next one in August.

New members approved were Pete Boylson, Don Nixon and Leo Vyyjala. Announcement was made that the Dallas area had been approved for the 1992 TNA convention and that Tim Lee would be in charge of special meetings and breakfasts. Other chairpersons were named at an earlier date

— Barbara de Anda, Sec.



Frank Clark
Governor

Jerri and Steve Cozart volunteered to be co-chairmen for the 1991 coin show sponsored by the **Garland Coin Club**. The show is set for March 23-24 at the Quality Inn, Centerville and Saturn in Garland.

Ideas to attract new and retain old members were discussed and included asking other clubs how they obtain and keep members, and offering a special grand prize to the member who obtains the most points by signing up new members and has the highest attendance ratio.

Dennis Hoelzle gave the program entitled "Numismatics: An Industry Out of Control" based on a 1987 William Atkinson article surveying 1,100 collectors. The area most in need, said Hoelzle, was a change in grading and pricing. Other problems noted were that there is little interest by youth in coin collecting.

The auction was conducted by Ray Holt.

— Jim Jeska, Sec.

DISTRICT VI —

Al Loya reported on the TNA convention in Fort Worth at the meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club** and discussed his plans as general chairman of the 1991 convention in Houston. Sonny Toupard was appointed bourse chairman and will participate in that position on a limited basis.

Gerald Kendall and Carl Fogarty have bound volumes of about one

half of the total run of the now defunct **Numismatic Scrapbook** and are for sale. Bill and Linda Jones were elected to membership. Bill collects British coins and transportation tokens, while Linda collects religious medals.

The program, "Getting Your Dollar's Worth Abroad," was given by Jack Damell and Gerald Kendall was scheduled to give a program at the next meeting on "Paleontology" (fossils).

— The Double Shift.

At the recent meeting of **Bellaire Coin Club**, Lionel Levy presented a program on Ancient coins complete with specimens of several, all issued prior to the birth of Christ.

Members were urged to assist at the August 4-5 coin show in various positions. The two meetings in July were devoted to final show details plus the usual auction, games and general numismatic talk.

— Newsletter.

DISTRICT VII —

Harold Eiserloh talked about his recent trip to Europe at the **Alamo Coin Club** meeting held at Wyatt's Cafeteria in San Antonio. Also on the agenda was a round of Coin World Trivia and a mini auction.

At a previous meeting, Steve Young gave a program on his collection of Mexican coins and then bringing items for "Show and Tell" were Eiserloh, Young, Jim Webb and Jerry Moy. Walter Chavets was



Carl Fogarty
Governor



Frank Galindo
Governor

welcomed as a new member.

New officers are: Richard Pinette, president; Eiserloh, 1st vice president; Young, 2nd vice president; Moy, treasurer; Robert Jenkins, secretary; and elected to the Board, Pyron Coryell, Loraine Meyer and Elizabeth Swain.

— The Alamo News.

A program on "U.S. Paper Currency" was presented by Walter Clavette at the meeting of the **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio. At the first meeting of the month, an auction was held.

Ray Tate, club president, announced that several members had been recruited to give programs in the next few months. During the business sessions, dates for the 1991 coin show were discussed.

— The Gatepost.

DISTRICT VIII —

Bill Bailey, president of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club**, was authorized to lock in dates for the 1991 Collectors' Show at the recent meeting. Sixteen members were present.

A first reading membership for Marilyn Ramon was approved and an auction was held.

— Earl E. Wilder, Sec.



Ouida Davis
Governor

DISTRICT IX —

Thirty-three attended the meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** in Lubbock for a program by Herman Jacobs on "How to Make Coin Collecting Fun." Also, an auction was held by Jim Hall, assisted by Sharon Rice.

The club expressed condolences to Jim Hall, whose Mother recently passed away.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

— E. L. Pitzer,
Gov. Dist. 9.



E. L. Pitzer
Governor

DISTRICT XI —

Plans for the August 4-5 coin show to be hosted by **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.** of Amarillo and for the club picnic on August 18, dominated the regular meeting.

The show will be held at the Civic Center and picnic at Sam Houston Park. It will be a covered dish supper with the club providing cold drinks, etc. Members were urged to set up educational exhibits and to work at the show.

Homer Dotts gave a program on "Name That Commemorative" and displayed some of his collection. R. C. Tipton and Linda Caylor were door prize winners.

— Newsletter.



Nela Runkle
Governor

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DISTRICT XIII —

Doug Barber resigned as president of the **Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club** at the recent meeting held at North Texas Federal Savings & Loan. No reason was given.

In the absence of the resigned president and also in the absence of the vice president, Jan Blankenship, treasurer, conducted the meeting. Logan Essex was in charge of the 20-lot auction.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn,**
Reporter.

President Ray Whyborn presented the Col. Darrah award to the **Seymour Coin Club** membership for having the most TNA members in the club. Whyborn also displayed the traveling Darrah plaque with the club's service bar for 1990.

Joe Dickson gave a talk on his tour of the San Francisco Mint and showed medals and a prestige proof set that he obtained there. Door prizes were won by Whyborn, Paul Hoge and G. C. Laney.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn,**
Reporter.

An auction was conducted by Ray Coleman at the meeting of the **Greenbelt Coin Club** held at AmWest Savings in Vernon. Eleven members were in attendance.

Among the auction lots were two 50 peso gold coins of Mexico in BU condition.

— **Raymond E. Whyborn,**
Reporter.

Like other early U.S. coins, large cents show a large number of variations owing to the different dies used. During early years, many alterations were made on the dies.

DISTRICT XIV —

Twenty four were present for the meeting of the **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley held at the People's Church in San Juan Carlos. Hinojosa joined as a new member.

It was reported that the **Sociedad Numismatica of Reynosa, Mexico**, was submitting an application for TNA membership. Other club members were encouraged to also join TNA.

Norma Mather presented a program on how to plan and work up an exhibit for show competition. She used as an example her exhibit U.S. Emergency Coins, World War II, which recently won a TNA first place.

The auction, conducted by Rod Bates, included some donated items to benefit the club treasury.

— **Helen Snider,**
Gov. Dist. 14.



Helen Snider
Governor

DISTRICT XV —

Jack Provost and Wayman Bradley presented programs at the last two meetings of the **Silsbee Coin Club**. Provost talked on the history of the Monroe Commemorative Coin. He said there were 274,000 minted and the motion picture industry promoted the coin to improve their



Dewey L. Scott
Governor

public image. The coin did not sell well because the industry did not promote it; hence, many coins ended up in circulation.

Bradley's program centered on the 1913 V-nickel. He provided many details regarding the coin's history.

Announcement was made that book donations were made by Provost, Jerry Williams and Bobby Jenkins.

— Bill Stein, Sec.

Members of the **Port Arthur Coin Club** reviewed the coin show budget and ways to assist dealers at the September coin show being co-hosted by the **Beaumont Coin Club**.

Programs at meetings included one by Jerry Williams on the color of the seals on U.S. paper money. The seal is older than the Constitution, having been designed during the Articles of Confederation. It was first applied on paper money during 1862 to guarantee the value. The shield was for strength, the scale for justice, the key for authority, and the stars, states of the Union. Jerry also discussed the special colors for WWII needs and other purposes.

— Dollars \$ Cents.

A program on Peace Dollars was given by Bob Jenkins at the meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club**. Competition to design the dollar was called in 1921 with many famous coin designers participating, but an unknown won. He was Anthony D. Francisci. George T. Morgan designed the obverse. One million and one thousand sixty-four coins were minted and it took two strikes to get a good relief on the coins.

New club members are David Newton, Robbie LeBlanc and John Barnes. Winners of door prizes at one of the meetings were David Newton, Lolita Mull, and Bill Stein.

— Rosemary Moore, Sec.

DISTRICT XVII —

The **Waco Coin Club, Inc.** members discussed the possibility of having two meetings per month and also awarding an attendance prize. Those proposals were tabled until a later date.

Fred Gowdy reported on the spring TNA convention held in Fort Worth. It was announced that Jim Wachowski is the new editor of the club's newsletter.

Fifteen were present for the meeting at the T.P. & L. Center.

— J. P. Jones,
TNA Reporter.

GOLD RASI

A small gold coin of Travancore, computed at ten Chakrams and dates from a period anterior to the seventh century is called a rasi. Though not found in circulation, it is still the denomination used for recording the value of lands and the ancient revenue assessed on them. For ordinary transactions these have been superseded by the fanam. These are considered historical coins.

The typical counterfeit coin is a poor imitation of the genuine and can be identified for what it is by close examination. Many counterfeits can be identified by merely comparing the reeding (the corrugated outer edge) of the questioned coin with a known genuine of the same denomination.

COIN TOSSING

Tossing a coin is a very old custom since it was enforced at least 24 centuries ago. The Romans tossed coins with the first circular coins that were issued in Rome. (The laws of Julia Papiria and Menenia Sestia in the year 430 B.C. established a monetary system based on that of the Greeks. The first oval coin was the "AS LIBRAE" which carries on its obverse the double face of Jano and on the reverse the prow of a vessel with the word "ROMA" underneath.)

The Romans, when tossing coins, called "CAPITA AUT NAVIM" (Head or Vessel) and this custom continued for many years even though later coins issued under the

Ceasars carried on one side the Caesar (Give unto God that which is of God and that to Caesar which is to Caesar) and on the other side an allegory. The custom of continuing to call "CAPITA AUT NAVIM" is matched by the custom in New Spain where the call was "CARO O CRUZ" (Head or Cross) because of the face of the king and the cross of Jerusalem which figured in many coins although not in all. Today in Mexico the call is "AGUILA O SOL" (Eagle or Sun) in spite of the fact that today most of the Mexican coins do not feature a sun. In the United States we say "HEADS OR TAILS."

PUFFIN?

A puffin is a sea or marine bird, a member of the auk family and more important it is a coin value. The puffin and half puffin coins in bronze were the creation of one Martin Coles Harmon who in 1925 purchased the Isle of Lundy off the English coast. He then declared his island to be independent and proceeded in 1929 to have coins struck in Birmingham, England for his so-called empire. They were minted in one year only in two denominations and were considered unlawful coins.

TREASURE?

Through the years it has been reported that Pancho Villa — famed Mexican bandit — had buried one and a half million dollars (Mexican, American?) in Texas. Many have sought the whereabouts of that buried treasure. Villa's widow spoke up in 1957, said that her husband had never buried any treasure in Mexico or Texas. However, she did not admit that he did not stash away something in New Mexico or Arizona. So, did he spend it, give it away or bury it?

In 1971 the first Eisenhower dollars were minted at San Francisco and in 1972 that mint was saved from destruction as a landmark. The S.F. mint operated from 1874

The first history of paper money being used was when Marco Polo visited China in the 13th century. The notes were printed on mulberry paper by Kubla Khan.

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OK Here is some good stuff. Sorry, no NGC PCGS, ANACS or other plastic. Just nice collectables — all guaranteed genuine and "different" Grey Sheet devotees read no further!!

1 In March 1933, banks were all closed and commerce ground to a halt — almost. These semi-legal checks and chits were used to keep the economy struggling along. Tarry Warehouse & Storage issued this 50¢ at Wichita Falls for the convenience of employees. I've seen maybe 4 or 5 of these \$75.00

2 Certificate of Indebtedness issued by the San Antonio Clearing House, March 7, 1933. I have a \$10, \$5 and \$1, all I've heard of each \$125.00

3 Borger Daily Herald Scrip, 50¢, \$1, \$2. Issued to employees, March 4, 1933. Again, only ones I've seen ... each \$150

4 Borger Clearing House Association, 50¢ and 25¢, March 7, 1933. Only two known (?) Your pick \$150.00

5. City of Weatherford \$1, undated, same type scrip. Unique? \$150.00

6. Floyd County (Floydada) small West Texas farming community. Trade stimulator. Have seen about six of these. Here are two. 50¢ and \$1.00 each \$65.00

7. Groveton Ice Company, Groveton, coupon book for 12½, 25 and 50 lbs. ice. Total of 1,000 pounds. Maybe one of you OLD old-timers can recall the price of ice in the 1930's \$35.00

8. Coupon Books Texla Lumber Co. Store, Mauriceville, Texas, contains \$10, \$5, \$4, \$3, or \$2 in coupons each \$25.00

9. \$15 Coupon Book, Austwell, Texas, Austin-McDowell Co., undated but looks "1900" \$35.00

10. Wilson Mercantile Co., Wilson, Texas, undated \$5 and \$10 coupon book each \$35.00

11. Another Booklet, Lawhon & Williamson, Moody, Texas \$45.00

12. And, the last one W.H. Acklin, Santa Rita, New Mexico. Ever been to Santa Rita? Imagine what it was in the 1920's when this was used \$45.00

13. E & A Fecci, Staple & Fancy Groceries, San Antonio. Card to be punched with each purchase and when fully punched, somebody had \$5 in merchandise \$15.00

14. Sears Roebuck & Co. Exchange Certificate for \$5. Accumulate \$100 and they were spendable in the Sears catalog. A letter from Sears to an old buddy of mine states the Spring Catalog of 1904 first issued them and stopped in 1907

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15. First National Bank of Temple, Scrip of 1907 Depression. (yeah, about every 20-25 years). \$1, \$5 and \$10

Your choice \$65.00

16. Ration Check, April 6, 1945, Transfer at Union National Bank, Houston, 408 ration points transferred from W.T. Carler & Bro. to The Phelan Co. Ever seen one of these? \$30.00

17. City Warrant, City of Colorado, Texas, \$38, Jan. 11, 1888. How large was the town in 1888 and how close the Indians? Have a couple of these

..... each \$25.00

18. Generic Bank Holiday Scrip. No other bank or city has the Texas state capital depicted and the state seal. Fine quality work. One is green, one orange and one brown printing, each marked "Specimen" and "1933" in ink. Somewhere I got the idea these were \$10, \$20 and \$1. I dunno!! each \$50.00

19. Boy, I've had these a long time! Railway Passes: MK&T, Trinity & Brazos Valley RR, Denver & Rio Grande, SP, Texas Pacific, Ft. Worth & Denver, KC, Mexico & Orient RR. Expires in the early 1920's. 7 passes \$150.00

20. City of Ft. Worth, Warrant signed by the Mayor in 1914 \$20.00

21. Similar for County of Ft. Bend, 1908 \$20.00

22. Something still more off-the-wall. WW#2 POW Scrip, various denominations and various Camps. Lordsburg, N.M., Mexia, Texas, Alva, Okla., Hearne, Texas, Camp Barkley, Camp Maxey. 23 pieces \$150.00

23. Also just found three PW Canteen booklets, \$1 on Camp Bowie, \$3 on Huntsville and \$1 on Camp Maxey each \$35.00

24. Last and least. Chits, good at Commissary, Texas Department of Corrections, 5¢, 10¢, 20¢, and 50¢. Four to a page. The lot \$25.00

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